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1. SUMMARY: PLENARY SESSION JUNE 11 COMPLETED DISCUSSION OF ITS AGENDA AND MET AGAIN MORNING JUNE 12 TO FINALIZE TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS (NOT YET AVAILABLE). CM REPORTEDLY TOOK RELATIVELY HARD LINE ON BOTH PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND MIDDLE EAST. CONFLICTING VERSIONS OF CURRENT EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA WERE PREVALENT IN "PEOPLE'S HALL" THROUGHOUT DAY OF JUNE 11. AT LEAST 26 HEADS OF STATE ARE EXPECTED FOR SUMMIT, WHICH BEGINS THIS EVENING. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING OAU SPOKESMAN, CM ADOPTED 5-POINT RESOLUTION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: (1) ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD

ADOPT "COORDINATED" POLICY ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOP; (2) BEFORE ANY CEASE-FIRE, GOP SHOULD AGREE UNEQUIVOCALLY TO INDEPENDENCE; (3) ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD REMAIN VIGILANT; (4) OAU APPRECIATES FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY STARTED, AND "APPROVES" CONDITIONS SUBMITTED BY PAIGC AND FRELIMO; (5) OAU RECOGNIZES SOVEREIGN RESPONSIBILITY OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN EACH TERRITORY FOR NEGOTIATIONS: OAU CAN ONLY HELP.

COMMENT: CM DID NOT TAKE POSITION ON QUESTION OF REFERENDA. INFORMED SOURCES EMPHASIZE THAT "COORDINATED" POLICY DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN IDENTICAL POLICY: THUS ONE AGREEMENT MIGHT INCLUDE A REFERENDUM AND ANOTHER MIGHT NOT. IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SUMMIT WILL REVIEW THIS RESOLUTION CAREFULLY AND MAY WELL REFINE SOME POINTS.

3. ACCORDING OAU SPOKESMAN, CONSENSUS ON MIDDLE EAST REITERATES PREVIOUS OAU POSITIONS AND NOTES THAT ISRAEL HAS PERSISTENTLY THREATENED DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. DRAFT ALSO ALLEGES GROWING LINKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA.

COMMENT: APPARENTLY THERE WILL BE NO SOFTENING OF OAU STAND AGAINST ISRAEL AT THIS MEETING.

4. REPORTS OF SERIOUS TROUBLES IN ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING RUMOR OF MILITARY COUP, PREOCCUPIED DELEGATES, OAU STAFF AND PRESS THROUGHOUT JUNE 11. COUP RUMOR MAY HAVE BEEN FLOATED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. MOST SAY SOMALIA STARTED STORY: OTHERS POINT TO ALGERIA OR TANZANIA. IN ANY EVENT, EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE MOGADISCIO TODAY.

5. AS OF EVENING JUNE 11, AT LEAST SEVENTEEN HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENTS HAD ARRIVED HERE. OAU SECRETARIAT EXPECTS AROUND TWENTY SIX TO SHOW UP SOMETIME DURING SUMMIT. IN ADDITION, ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF UN (WALDHEIM), ARAB LEAGUE AND MUSLIM CONFERENCE HAVE ARRIVED.

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